Declaration of Bangalore as A-1 City

2338. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the population of Karnataka as per the figures of the Second Paper of the population totals of Karnataka;

(b) the population of Bangalore as per the above result; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to declare Bangalore as A-1 City for purposes of higher rate of HRA/CCA to Central Government Employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) and (b) Final population figures of Karnataka and Bangalore are not yet available.

(c) The reclassification of all cities for revised rates of HRA/CCA to Central Government Employees will be considered when the final population figures as per 2001 census are available from the Registrar General of India.

Loan distribution in U.P.

†2339. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loan sanctioned by banks under various heads in various districts of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that banks are committing negligence in realization of loans from the borrowers as a result of which the condition of banks is deteriorating ;

(c) if so, the details of the steps being taken for timely realization of loans with interest; and

(d) the amount realized from the borrowers during the last three years?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.